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PART I

1. Aleksei KURGVEL
4. Alexander KURBEL, July-August 1940 in Karlsbad, Sudetenland
KUSEL, during 1941-1944 as Finnish captain with the German military
broadcasting service, especially in contacts with Russian volunteers.
5. a. 13 September 1904 b. Kuressaare, Estonia
6. Estonian DP
8. Munich, Germany
10. Employed by (DYCLAIM) since September 1951
11. Wife, Salme KURGVEL may have applied for first U.S. papers.
12. Salme KURGVEL, wife, c/o MAEKASK, 164-03 89th Ave., Jamaica 32, L.I.,
N.Y., employed as practical nurse in the Hospital of the Holy Family,
Dean and Hoyt Streets, Brooklyn, N.Y. Emigrated to U.S. 21 January
1952 under EC #271-032.

Jaen KURGVEL, son, Clemson Agricultural College, Clemson, South Carolina.
Emigrated to U.S. under EC #4 J 172 260.

Rein KURGVEL, son, living with mother in Jamaica, N.Y.
13. Johann (Ivan) KURGVEL, born Maasi, Estonia, 14 February 1871, died
1926, Estonian, occupation baker and gardener.
14. Maria KURGVEL, nee TOOMPUU, born 29 July 1868 in Estonia, died in 1945,
Estonian, occupation housewife.
15. Salme KURGVEL, nee Epler, born 12 January 1909 in Narva, Estonia,
Married on 25 October 1928 in Narva, Estonia, emigrated to U.S. on
21 January 1952 under EC # 271-032, is now working as practical nurse
in the Hospital of the Holy Family, Dean and Hoyt Streets, Brooklyn,
N.Y., residence: c/a Maekask, 164-03 89th Ave., Jamaica 32, L.I., N.Y.
16. Jaen KURGVEL, son, born 23 January 1931 in Tallin, Estonia, Estonian
nationality, emigrated to U.S. in September 1950 after receiving scholar-
ship to Clemson Agricultural College from World Association of Students.

Rein KURGVEL, son, born May 1939 in Tallin, Estonia, emigrated to U.S.
with mother.
17. Esenia KURGVEL, born 14 December 1899 in Kuressaare now living at
Loherilagen 3, Hagersten, Sweden, c/o Einmann; nationality Estonian,
employed by insurance company in Stockholm.

Nadezhda (Nadia) KURGVEL, Married to Herman MARIPUU, born 2 March 1909
in Kuressaare, now living at Bergsgatan 32, Enkoping, Sweden, employed
as housewife and parttime school teacher in local Estonian school,
nationality Estonian.

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Olga KURBEL, born 1898 in Kuressaare, remained with mother in Kuressaare in October 1944. She had been secretary for the school affairs division of the district administration of Kuressaare. Present location unknown.

Sinaida KURGVEL, born 1902 in Kuressaare, died while trying to escape from Kuressaari in October 1944.

Elisaveta KURGVEL, married to KEREMAN, born in 1906 in Kuressaare, died while trying to escape from Estonia in October 1944.

19. Deutsches Personal Ausweis - AQ 111053 - Date not given - Wentorf Gemeinde
Temporary Est. Auslandspass - - Estonische Gesandtschaft, London, 1948, extended 1950
Est. Internal Identity Papers - - Polizeiverwaltung Narva 1926 or 1927
Est. Mil. ID Papers - 375 - 19 June 1937, II Section of Gen. Staff in Tallinn
20. Member of the Ecclesiastical (Ovdentlichen) Estonian Evangelical Lutheran Church.
21. None
22. June/July 1937 - Round trip from Estonia across Germany, Switzerland, to France and back via Belgium; 7 days in Paris, 2 days in Berlin; furlough trip with my wife, and 30 other tourists in omnibus.

The contact broken in 1946 was worked up by the English Feb. 1950 and I was invited to London. I stayed there a week.

Before my journey I had confidentially informed Mr. Gibson, in Wentorf.

I was asked to collect as much information as I could in Germany about Estonians in order that they might be used in an eventual occupation of Estonia later.

I did what was the only possible thing I could do - I could do very little else to protect myself.

This contact finally died out also.

I believe that I will not conflict with any rules of propriety with this report:

I have never worked for money or any other personal reasons. I have done this and am ready to do it again because as an Estonian officer I find it my duty to do so, to help my Fatherland as I can.

I believe that I can do this best if I work with a Power that really understands the situation and has the might and will to begin this struggle and carry it through.

I do not want to hurt the British with this report and I believe that this writing will reach only select hands. This writing should

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show you with whom I am in contact, in order that you have plenty of time to decide whether you can and want to work with such a man.

I have lived through many disappointments in my work, man's lives have been offered in vain thereby. I would not like to have this repeat itself again.

Finally, I am an Estonian soldier, I want to help my people and my Fatherland. That I can do best if I am permitted to work with you. It is for this reason that I am ready to work for you, it would be an honor to me."

23. Ministerialschule - Kuressaare - elementary - 1912/1915
Gymnasium - Kuressaare - gymnasium - 1915/1925 - finished
Military school - Tallinn - officer cand. - 1923/1926 - Lt. In Technical Troops (Specialty - Radio)
Military Academy - Tallinn - Gen. Staff Service - 1927-1931/32 - Diploma Off. of Gen. Staff.
University - Tartu - Political Economy - entered 1943 - did not proceed far.
24. Estonian - native tongue
Russian - good - good - good
German - good - good - good
English - fair - fair - fair
Finnish - slight-slight-slight
Polish - slight-slight-slight
25. In the Estonian Army:
Aug. 1923 Entered the war school in Tallinn
Feb. 1926 Lt. in Signal Corps Bn. in Tallinn - later in Tartu and Narva.
May 1929 - 1931/32 War Academy in Tallinn.
1931/1932-1934 In the Operations Section of the General Staff and in the Staff of the 1st Inf. Div.
Jan. 1934-July 1940 In Foreign Information Section of the General Staff - Chief of Section "A"
24 June 1940 Communist proposal: I should report on my comrades at work as well as the foreign military attaches. I refused categorically.
3 July 1940 The Russians ordered my transfer from the II Section. I fled with the knowledge of my chief, with the help of the Germans, which was the only available help then.
June 1941 In agreement with the Finnish General Staff I left Germany for Finland and took part in the liberation of Estonia as a Finnish volunteer - campatin in the German military broadcasting service. Before that while at IO Farben I helped recruit Estonian volunteers in Germany for the occupation in Estonia.

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Sept. 1941 - Aug. 1944

As a Finnish captain in the German military broadcasting service in Estonia. My activity as in Finland earlier was the training of Estonian, later also Russian, volunteers in radio and cipher, and the direction of the radio contact with the agents in the field.

Aug 1944

I left the Finnish army as advised by the Finns and was mobilized in Estonia by the Germans. As Estonian Liaison officer with the German Army - "Narva" Section, as well as in A.C.K. XVIII (Armee Ober Kommando)

Aug. - Sept. 1944

Oct. 1944 - May 45

After the retreat from Estonia, I was with the German reconnaissance troop 166 (Marine). My assignment was the same as earlier in Finland and Estonia, to prepare and build up, as well as lead, the occupation troops to Estonia. These Estonian volunteers were recruited and trained by me with the thought in mind that after the expected fall of Germany they were to be put with the permission of Estonia at the disposal of the Western allies for further cooperation since we did not believe in a long period of peace and harmony between the west and the communists. For this reason on 20 April 1944 I equipped all of the dispatched 5 groups with radio and cipher codes which were known only to me and one man in each group. In order to make contact with the American troops who were in front of me, I sent two of my radio men at the end of March over the Elbe into the area where the Americans were advancing. This attempt failed, even though as I later learned they gave themselves up to the Americans (on April 1, 1944) the radio contact with me was lost.

4.5.1944

I came across the front lines and reported at the first allied elements I met - a British one. I reported my capable officers. Result: I was arrested and a couple of days later my hq. radio position was taken prisoner.

May 1945 - Aug. 46

I was in British arrest in their interrogation detention in Hamburg, Penal Camp Altona, in a prison camp near Hamburg (name forgotten), in the jail at Neumunster, civil internment camp Neumunster and a long time in prison of the secret service in Bad Nendorf. From there I was taken in April 1946 and I was supposed to begin what I had done in 1944. Because of political considerations this would have been impossible.

My highest rank:

Captain, promoted there February 1944. I had worked all the time on the East Front. Decorations: Est. Eagle Cross IV Class, and 10 other various foreign decorations (earned in the long years of my foreign service in the Foreign section of the Est. Gen. Staff)

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27. Typing, document photography, photography, driver (as much as is required of an Est. Gen. Staff officer).
29. February-May 1926 radio operator, signal battalion, Tallinn
June-August 1926 staff of 2nd Infantry Division, Tartu
October 1926
April/May 1929 staff of 1st Infantry Division, Narva, in charge of signal unit
1933-January 1934 assistant to Chief, Operational Division Staff d 1, Infantry Division, Rakvere
Jan. 34-July 1940 2nd Division General Staff, first as officer on call, later as Director Subdivision "A". Removed 3 July 1940 on order of Russians.
1 Sept. 1940 June 41 Scientific co-worker, National Scientific Division, I.G. Farben, Berlin; compiled information on Russian industry from overt sources.
June 1941-Sept 41 In Finland as Estonian Officer attached to KOF, Finland and Finnish General Staff
Sept. 41 - Aug 44 with Aufklarungskommando 102 and Abwehrstelle I in Tallinn liaison officer responsible to Commander-in-Chief of the German Army Division "Narva" and Commander-in-Chief of Army Corps operating in Southern Estonia
Aug 44 - Oct 44 Frontaufklarungs-Kommando 166 (K)
Oct 44 - May 45 Internement by British
May 45 - Aug 46 Unemployed
Aug 46 - Spring 47 interpreter and director camp offices, DP Camp Kungla, Stolzenau/Weser
16 Sept 47 - 20 Oct 48 office director and deputy camp director, DP Camp Essex, Lingen/EMS
Oct. 48 - 15 Sept 49 clerk for 502 Iro Documentation Center, Wentorf
27 Oct. 1949 - 30 Sept 1951
Sept 51 - present DYCLAIM employment.
30. No publications outside of a few essays in an Estonian military publication "SODUR" (The Soldier) in 1928/31, about the tactics of the Signal Corps and military analysis.
31. Mr. Drexel W. Gibson, US DP Commission, Wentorf, has known me since Oct. 1949 in connections with my emigration application.
Est. Capt. Edward Ausmees, Block leader in Wentorf Camp. Has known me since 1923; we were together in military school.
Est. Dr. Endel Sepp; works as a Dr. with IRO in Wentorf. Has known me since 1949/50. Address of these two named: (24a) Wentorf, Lager, Villa D-3
32. Est. Col. Richard Masing, until 1949 I Aide to Est. Gen. Staff chief. Now in Stockholm, Rindogatan 20; knows me since 1928/29.
Est. Col. William Saarsen, Chief of II Section of Est. Gen. Staff. Now in Sweden, Stockholm - Alveja, Gimmerstavagen 23, c/o A. Jerem.
Colonel William E. Shipp, U.S. Milit. (or Army) Attache in Madrid. has known me since 1934 when he was Mil. Attache in Baltic countries.
The one-time Finnish Col. Hallamas, chief of military broadcasting service of Finn. Gen. Staff until 1944. Address unknown. Has known me since 1940.

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The one-time Germ. Frigate-Captain Alexander Cellarius, my helper on my flight from Estonia and my German chief during the war. Has known me since 1937/38. Lives at Woldzenweg 12, Hamburg 77.

33. None

34. Age - 47
Height 174 Cm
Weight 70 kg
Eyes gray blue Complexion fair
Sex - male
Build slim
Hair - dark blond

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